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THIS MAN WAS FIT TO BE A FATHERMark 9:14-27 *8,500,000* *John.* ACC-2,000

INT:

America still a nation with many good men. Esp. Christian
 A nation of confused ideals & standards: What is a
good man, husband, father today? Very garbled!!!
 Eight words in our text (Read it now) give the divine
 pattern for the good father.

LESSON: The qualities which make great fathers.

I. GREAT LOVE FOR HIS SON.

- A. Orientals and Romans often "exposed" weaklings.
- B. American men are just too busy for children. E. 6:4.
 - 1. "I respect dad, I've never loved him." Too busy.
- C. Too many fathers "turn children over" to mothers.
 - 1. Dangerous for fathers to leave children in other hands.
 - a. Eli did not personally restrain. I Sam. 3:13.
 - b. Samuel's boys never learned honesty. " 8:3.
 - c. David fathered a frankenstein-Absolom. IIS.15:6
 - d. Ill. Texas State Fair grand-champion HOG and ill-kept son, looked like a hog.

Hog looked like son should.

II. GREAT FAITH IN CHRIST.

- A. Son saw his father on his knees. Matt. 17:14.
- B. Son heard his mighty father beg. " 17:15.
- C. Son saw his father weep. Mark 9:24.

FATHERS: children ever see you on your knees? Then how they learn faith and humility?

III. GREAT VISION AND GOOD SENSE.

- A. Knew ALL ages important until maturity. Prov. 22:6.
 - 1. Character is formed from 12 yrs. to 18 yrs.
- B. Took his son rather than sending by mother, servant.
- C. Four occasions when a Father needs to see that his son is close to Jesus. Ecc. 12:1.

Lord's 1. Days of study and worship. Heb. 10:24-27.

- 2. Day of his Conversion. Sure he understands.
- 3. Day of his Marriage. In the Lord. Col. 3:17.
- 4. Day of his Death. Rev. 14:13.

INV:

Greatest Test of Fatherhood: John 15:13. Friend? Son???

Ill. Western town. Team stampeded with wagon.

Father grabbed bridles, drug to death. Why? *? Empty wagon.*

Wooden box in back. In wooden box, baby daughter.

This man was fit to be a father too!

Jesus calls the lost to salvation. Erring to repentance

8 Million Fathers Are Family Deserters

NEW YORK (AP) — There are about eight million fathers in the country who have deserted their families and are not supporting them, a social workers' conference was told Wednesday.

The figure was supplied by Mrs. Harold D. Harvey, acting president of the Community Council of Greater New York, who said about 400,000 of the deserted women and children live in New York City.

Russian To Visit

RABAT, Morocco (UPI)—Soviet Defense Minister Marshal Rodion Malinovsky will visit here next month at the invitation of Moroccan Defense Minister Mahjoubi Aherdane. Moroccan officials said no date has been set for the visit.

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